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SUBJECT: SOVIET MILITARY EXERCISE

1. THE FOREIGN LIAISON OFFICE, MOD, CONVENED A MEETING
AT 0900, 12 JUNE, OF THE MILITARY ATTACHES OF THE
SIGNATORIES OF THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT AND DISTRIBUTED
THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL NOTICE:

"THE FOREIGN LIAISON DIRECTORATE PRESENTS ITS
COMPLIMENTS TO THE OFFICE OF THE DEFENSE ATTACHE AND
AT THE INSTRUCTION OF THE USSR MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS
THE HONOR TO TRANSMIT HEREIN A NOTIFICATION OF A TROOP
EXERCISE.

"DURING THE PERIOD OF JULY 3-8, 1978, IN THE
REGION OF STENDHAL, MAGDEBURG, LIBEROSE AN EXERCISE OF
THE GROUP OF THE SOVIET FORCES IN GERMANY IS PLANNED
WITH THE AIM OF MASTERING THE QUESTIONS OF COOPERATION
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BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT ARMS OF THE SERVICE.

"LAND TROOPS AND UNITS OF THE AIR FORCES WILL TAKE
PART IN THE EXERCISE.

"THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF TROOPS PARTICIPATING IN
THE EXERCISE IS ABOUT 30 THOUSAND.

"THE FOREIGN LIAISON DIRECTORATE, USSR MD, ONCE AGAIN TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASSURE THE OFFICE OF THE DEFENSE ATTACHE OF ITS CONTINUED HIGH REGARD."

2. GEN MAJ KHOMENKO, THE MOD REPRESENTATIVE, STATED THAT IT WAS NOT YET KNOWN WHICH COUNTRIES WOULD BE INVITED TO OBSERVE THE MANEUVER, BUT THAT INVITATIONS WOULD BE ISSUED O/A 23 JUNE, THAT IS, TEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE EXERCISE. TOON

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